

FIVE PER CENT. RESERVATION UPON THE SALES OF
PUBLIC LANDS.

LETTER

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

TRANSMITTING,

In answer to a letter of the Hon. Jacob Collamer, Chairman of the Committee of the Public Lands, a statement showing the amount of the five per cent. reservation upon the net proceeds of the public lands, the amount expended, &c.

JANUARY 25, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

December 29, 1848.

DEAR SIR: I with pleasure acknowledge the receipt, in reply to my request, of a well prepared, well digested tabular statement of all the grants of public lands which have been made to the several States and Territories. It is of great value, and will save much time and trouble in the office.

Permit me now to call your attention to another subject, in relation to which a similar work is necessary. I mean the subject of the three per cent. and two per cent. reservations of the money received on the sales of public lands in the several States.

By the conditions of the compacts made with the respective States on their admission, it was agreed that five per cent. of the net receipts for the sale of public lands in the State should be reserved, of which, three-fifths, or three per cent., should be annually paid to the State—in some for roads within the State, and in others for the purposes of education. The remaining two-fifths, or two per cent., the United States was to expend in making roads to, or to and through the State.

Now, sir, constant inquiry is made on this subject, and much interest is felt to ascertain how much has been received and paid to each State, and in what way, at what times, and what amounts of the two per cent., so assured to each State, has been laid out and expended.

May not a well digested and correct tabular statement be prepared, with notes, by which all inquiries on that subject may be easily answered.

Respectfully, your humble servant,

J. COLLAMER.

Hon. R. M. YOUNG,

Commissioner of General Land Office.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *January 11, 1849.*

SIR: As requested by your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to submit above a tabular statement showing the amount of the five per cent. fund upon the net proceeds from the sales of public lands within their limits, to which each State was entitled upon her admission into the Union, which had accrued to the 31st December, 1847; the proportion of said amount which has been paid to the States, to be expended under the direction of the legislatures thereof respectively; the proportion reserved to be expended by Congress for the construction of roads to and through the States; the amount which has been expended under direction of Congress for the construction of the Cumberland road, as ascertained from a document from the Engineer department, accompanying House report (No. 741) of the 1st session of the 30th Congress, and a brief showing of the provisions of the various acts of Congress having reference to this fund, and making appropriations for the Cumberland road.

With great respect your obedient servant,

RICHARD M. YOUNG, *Commissioner.*

Hon. JACOB COLLAMER,
House of Representatives.

STATEMENT

SHOWING

The per centage upon the net proceeds from the sale of public lands situated within their respective limits, to which each State was entitled upon her admission into the Union; the amount paid to the States, to be expended under the direction of the legislatures thereof; the amount reserved to be expended under the direction of Congress; and the amount actually so expended.

States.	Amount of the five per cent. fund to be expended for the benefit of the States by the terms of admission into the Union.	Amount actually paid to the State authorities.	Amount of two per cent. to be expended by Congress in constructing roads to the State.	Amounts appropriated by the various acts of Congress for the construction of the Cumberland road from the year 1806 to 1838 inclusive, reimbursable out of the 2 per cent. fund accruing to the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, as stated in the notes below.							
				Amounts appropriated east of the Ohio river, in the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.		Amounts appropriated in the State of Ohio.		Amounts appropriated in the State of Indiana.		Amounts appropriated in the State of Illinois.	
				Year.	Amounts.	Years.	Amounts.	Year.	Amounts.	Year.	Amounts.
Ohio - - - -	\$966,892 90	\$580,135 74	\$386,557 16	1806 <i>A</i>	\$30,000 00	1825 <i>C</i>	\$150,000 00	1829 <i>C</i>	\$50,000 00	1830 <i>C</i>	\$40,000 00
Indiana - - -	959,246 25	575,547 75	383,698 50	1810 <i>A</i>	60,000 00	1826 <i>C</i>	110,749 00	1830 <i>C</i>	60,000 00	1831 <i>D</i>	66,000 00
Illinois - - -	873,042 08	523,825 25	349,216 83	1811 <i>A</i>	50,000 00	1827 <i>B</i>	170,000 00	1831 <i>D</i>	75,000 00	1832 <i>D</i>	70,000 00
Missouri - - -	559,023 31	335,413 99	223,609 32	1812 <i>A</i>	30,000 00	1828 <i>C</i>	175,000 00	1832 <i>D</i>	100,000 00	1833 <i>B</i>	70,000 00
Alabama - - -	635,170 59	635,170 59		1815 <i>A</i>	100,000 00	1829 <i>C</i>	100,000 00	1833 <i>B</i>	100,000 00	1834 <i>D</i>	100,000 00
Mississippi - -	746,449 74	746,449 74		1818 <i>B</i>	312,989 60	1830 <i>C</i>	100,000 00	1834 <i>D</i>	150,000 00	1836 <i>C</i>	150,000 00
Louisiana - - -	214,193 43	214,193 43		1823 <i>B</i>	25,000 00	1831 <i>D</i>	103,650 00	1835 <i>B</i>	100,000 00	1837 <i>D</i>	100,000 00
Florida - - - -	4,336 47	4,336 47		1827 <i>B</i>	30,000 00	1832 <i>D</i>	100,000 00	1836 <i>C</i>	250,000 00	1838 <i>B</i>	150,000 00
Arkansas - - -	85,470 22	85,470 22		1828 <i>C</i>	175,000 00	1833 <i>B</i>	130,000 00	1837 <i>D</i>	100,000 00		
Michigan - - -	181,822 73	181,822 73		1829 <i>C</i>	100,000 00	1834 <i>D</i>	201,609 36	1838 <i>B</i>	150,000 00		
Iowa - - - -	16,422 05	16,422 05		1830 <i>C</i>	15,000 00	1835 <i>B</i>	200,000 00				
				1832 <i>D</i>	155,863 00	1836 <i>C</i>	200,000 00				
				1833 <i>B</i>	155,000 00	1837 <i>D</i>	190,000 00				
				1834 <i>D</i>	300,000 00	1838 <i>B</i>	150,000 00				
				1835 <i>B</i>	346,186 58						
				1837 <i>D</i>	7,183 63						
				1838 <i>B</i>	9,000 00						
	5,242,069 77	3,898,787 96	1,343,281 81		1,901,227 81		2,681,008 36		1,135,000 00		746,000 00

- A.*—Reimbursable out of the two per cent. reserved for laying out and making roads to the State of Ohio, by virtue of the 7th section of the act of 30th April, 1802.
- B.*—Payable out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, no stipulation in the acts making the appropriation that the amounts shall be withheld out of the accruing two per cent. funds.
- C.*—Reimbursable out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads under the direction of Congress, by the several acts passed for the admission of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri into the Union.
- D.*—Reimbursable out of the fund reserved for laying out and making roads under the direction of Congress, by the several acts passed for the admission of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois into the Union.

Showing the dates of the acts of Congress under which the respective States are entitled to the per cent. fund, and the purposes to which it is to be applied.

OHIO, 1802—30th of April.—3d proposition of the 7th section—offered to the convention to form the State—that one-twentieth part of the net proceeds of the lands lying within the State, sold by Congress from and after the 30th of June next, after deducting all expenses incident to the same, shall be applied to the laying out and making public roads, leading from the navigable waters of the Atlantic to the Ohio, to the said State, and through the same, under direction of Congress.

OHIO, 1803—3d of March.—2d section provides for the payment of 3 per cent. of the net proceeds to the State, to be applied to the laying, opening, and constructing roads within the State, under direction of the legislature.

INDIANA, 1816—19th of April.—Five per cent. reserved for roads and canals—three-fifths to be expended under the direction of the legislature to the construction of one in the State, and two-fifths to a road or roads leading to the State, under the direction of Congress.

INDIANA, 1818—11th of April.—Provides for the payment to the State of 3 per cent., to be expended in making roads and canals in the State.

ILLINOIS, 1818—18th of April.—Five per cent. reserved—three-fifths to be appropriated under direction of the legislature for the encouragement of learning, of which one-sixth is for a college or university, and two-fifths under direction of Congress for the construction of a road leading to the State.

ILLINOIS, 1820—12th December.—Provides for the payment of 3 per cent. to be appropriated as above.

MISSOURI, 1820—6th March.—Five per cent. reserved for roads and canals—three-fifths to be expended under direction of the legislature for roads and canals in the State, and two-fifths under direction of Congress for roads and canals to the State.

MISSOURI, 1822—3d May.—Provides for the payment of the 3 per cent. to the State.

ALABAMA, 1819—2d March.—Five per cent. reserved—3 per cent. to be expended in the construction of roads and canals, and improvement of the navigation of rivers in the State, and two-fifths to the making of a road or roads leading to the said State, under the direction of Congress.

ALABAMA, 1822—3d March.—Provides for the payment of the 3 per cent., to be appropriated as above.

ALABAMA, 1841—17th December.—Relinquishes to the State the 2 per cent. reserved by act of 1818, to be applied to the internal improvements designated in the act.

MISSISSIPPI, 1817—1st March.—Five per cent. reserved. (See Alabama.)

MISSISSIPPI, 1822—3d March.—Provides for the payment of the 3 per cent.

MISSISSIPPI, 1841—17th December.—Same as Alabama.

LOUISIANA, 1811—20th February.—Five per cent. to be applied to the construction of roads and levees in the State.

FLORIDA, 1845—3d March.—Five per cent. for educational purposes.

ARKANSAS, 1836—23d June.—Five per cent. for construction of roads and canals within the State.

MICHIGAN, 1836—23d June.—Five per cent. for construction of roads and canals within the State.

IOWA, 1845—3d March.—Five per cent. for construction of roads and canals within the State.